

School Nurse and Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) 2016 Renewals Working with two Agencies!

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2015 Legislation impacting Educational Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

- BEGINNING September 1, 2015 the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) at the Secretary of State's Office took over issuing clinical licenses for SLPs and Audiologists.
- All SLPs that hold current educator license (6-84) were converted to a Level I license on September 1, 2015.
- Moving forward, Educational SLPs will follow the Level I and Level II license rules defined by *Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals*

Working with two Agencies

Both School Nurses and SLPs must hold two licenses to practice in Vermont schools.

- Clinical License is issued by Office of Professional Regulation (OPR). Clinical Licenses must be renewed every two years
- Educator License is issued by the Vermont Agency of Education
 - Level I – three year license; renewed every three years unless eligible to move to a Level II
 - Level II – five year license; renewed every five years

Occasionally the clinical and educator license will need to be renewed in the same year.

Working with Local Standards Board (LSB)

- Educators working in a Vermont school served by an LSB must work with their Board to complete the renewal process.
- Educators that are not working in a Vermont school served by a Board must renew through the Vermont Agency of Education. The Agency acts as their LSB.

School Nurse Renewals

- Must hold *current* clinical RN license. These licenses will be issued through the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) through the Secretary of State's Office
- License renewal:
 - Level I: Must complete 3 credits or 45 hours of Professional Learning– 1 credit or 15 hours aligned with School Nurse (3-65 or 3-65A) endorsement competencies
 - If an educator has three or more years of practice in a Vermont school, they must transition to a Level II license.
 - Level II: Must complete 9 credits or 135 hours of Professional Learning – 3 credits or 45 hours aligned with School Nurse (3-65 or 3-65A) endorsement competencies
- Must complete [Self-Assessment of teaching practice](#)
- Must complete Criminal Record Check if needed

2016 SLP Renewals

- Must hold *current* clinical SLP license. These licenses will be issued through the Office of Professional Regulation through the Secretary of State's Office
- Those renewing their educator license in 2016 must complete thirty-five (35) hours of Professional Learning for renewal – 30 hours for ASHA certification plus a minimum of 5 additional hours aligned with 6-84 endorsement competencies. This is a prorated amount of Professional Learning per the new legislation.
- Next renewal cycle(s):
 - 2019 (Level I License issued in 2016) - 3 credits or 45 hours of Professional Learning will be required to renew license. (30 ASHA professional learning hours may apply.)
 - 2021 (Level II License issued in 2016) renewals: Level II requirements for Professional Learning will be required. (30 ASHA professional learning hours may apply.)
- Must complete [Self-Assessment of teaching practice](#) – *This is new for SLPs!*
- If an educator has three or more years of practice, they must transition to a Level II license.

**Note* The Vermont Standards Board of Professional Educators (VSBPE) is currently implementing legislative changes into the Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators which will be moving through the rule-making process early in 2016.*

Resources

- [Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals](#)
- [Vermont Relicensing Process: A Handbook for Educators](#)
- [Local and Regional Standards Boards and Chairs for 2015 - 2016](#)